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Public Health Officers of the Local Authority.

The Public Health Staff consists of :—

Medical Officer of Health (part-time appointment).
Three Lecturers (Medical) to the Infant Welfare Centres.
Three Public Vaccinators.

Sanitary Inspector (which is whole-time appointment).

The Inspector holds Certificates of the Sanitary Institute (Sanitary and Food).

Assistant Inspector, holds a Certificate of the Sanitary Institute. and obtained a Certificate of meat and foods in December.

Two Health Visitors (whole-time), who both possess a General and Fever Training Certificate, the C.M.B. Diploma, and a Health Visitor's Certificate.

Matron of Isolation Hospital is a State Registered Nurse with a General and Fever Training Certificate, and C.M.B. Diploma.

Medical Officer of Health and the Sanitary Inspectors are half paid locally and half paid out of County Funds; Health Visitors half locally and half out of the Ministry of Health Grant.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE

Llwchwr Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the Llwchwr Urban District for the year 1937.

AREA AND POPULATION.

The Llwchwr Urban District is divided into four Parishes, viz. :—Llandilo-Talybont, Loughor, Gowerton, and Llangyfelach.

The acreage of each Parish is as follows :—

Llandilo-Talybont	....	....	7,556 acres.
Loughor	....	....	1,247 ,,
Gowerton	....	....	2,538 ,,
Llangyfelach	....	....	6,474 ,,
	Total acreage	....	17,815 acres.

The population of the District for mid-1937, is estimated by the Registrar General as 25,860. This figure is slightly lower than for the year 1936, which was 26,250.

The number of inhabited houses at the end of the year was 6,305, and the rateable value of the district was £94,790, which represents a sum of £352 as the yield of a penny rate.

The chief industries in the district are Coal-mining, Steel-smelting, and Tin-plating. The average percentage of unemployment at the end of the year was thirty three per cent.

BIRTHS.

The net births registered in the district after correction for inward and outward transfers numbered 375. Males 195, and females, 180, which is equivalent to a birth rate of 14.5 per 1,000 population. This rate compares favourably with the rate for England and Wales which is given as 14.9 per 1,000, also it compares very closely with the births registered for the preceding year which numbered 378 with a rate of 14.4 per 1,000.

4 Male illegitimate children were registered and 1 female, a proportion of 13.3 per 1,000 registered live births.

The Stillbirths numbered 26—16 males and 10 females—which represents a rate of 1.0 per 1,000 of the population, and a rate of 64 per 1,000 total (live and still) births. The stillbirth rate for England and Wales was 0.60 per 1,000 population.

DEATHS.

The net number of deaths registered for the district was 301. Males 163, and females 138, which gives a death rate of 11.6 per 1,000 population. Last year, the number of deaths was 277, with a rate of 10.55 per 1,000; thus this year we are 24 in excess of last year's record, but the rate compares favourably with that given for England and Wales which was 12.4 per 1,000.

26 Infants—13 males and 13 females, died under the age of one year, giving an Infant Mortality rate of 69 per 1,000 registered live births. Of these, 10 deaths were due to Congenital Debility, Prematurity, and Malformation. The Infant Mortality rate for the County of Glamorgan in 1937, was 65, and for England and Wales was 58 per 1,000 live births.

No deaths occurred in illegitimate children under 1 year of age.

The Maternal Mortality rate for the district in 1937 was nil, but the corresponding rates for England and Wales were 3.23 per 1,000 live births, and 3.11 per 1,000 total (live and still) births.

The rates and deaths from Infectious Diseases in 1937 were as follows :—

	Llwchwr Urban District.		England & Wales.	
Small Pox	.... 0 or 0.00	per 1,000 population.	.... 0.00	per 1,000 population.
Scarlet Fever	.... 0 or 0.00	,,	.... 0.01	,,
Whooping Cough	.... 1 or 0.04	,,	.... 0.04	,,
Diphtheria	.... 1 or 0.04	,,	.... 0.07	,,
Measles	.... 3 or 0.12	,,	.... 0.02	,,
Typhoid and Para-typhoid.	0 or 0.00	,,	.... 0.00	,,

17 Deaths were due to all forms of Pneumonia, 7 to Bronchitis, and 6 from other forms of Respiratory Diseases, giving a total of 30 deaths from all forms of Respiratory Diseases apart from Tuberculosis which is equivalent to a death rate of 1.16 per 1,000 population.

There were 25 deaths registered from Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System, and 1 from other forms of Tuberculosis; this gives a total of 26 deaths from all forms of Tuberculosis which represents a rate of 1.0 per 1,000 population.

10 Deaths were registered from Influenza, which is equivalent to a death rate of 0.38 per 1,000 population. For England and Wales the rate was 0.54 per 1,000.

There were 12 deaths from Violence apart from Suicide, and 2 Suicidal.

Cancer and other forms of malignant disease caused 31 deaths, equal to a rate of 1.2 per 1,000.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES—GENERALLY.

There have been remarkably few cases of infectious disease—which is very fortunate under the circumstances of being without our own Isolation Hospital.

The cases we have had, have been of a very mild type. We still give serum to the Scarlet Fever cases to shorten the isolation period, and the result remains quite satisfactory.

Diphtheria cases have been very few—only 25, and I suppose this is the reason why there is now no demand for immunization.

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

139 Cases of Infectious Diseases were notified in 1937. The notifications comprised—49 cases of Scarlet Fever; 25 of Diphtheria; 26 of Pneumonia and Influenzal Pneumonia; 2 of Erysipelas; 3 of Puerperal Pyrexia; 25 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis; and 9 other forms of Tuberculosis.

SCARLET FEVER.

Of the 49 cases of Scarlet Fever notified, 39 were removed to Hospital, and all made good recoveries.

DIPHTHERIA.

25 Cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year, and of these 24 were removed to Hill House Isolation Hospital, Sketty. One case proved fatal.

PNEUMONIA AND INFLUENZAL PNEUMONIA.

There were 26 cases of Pneumonia and Influenzal Pneumonia notified. Of these, 8 proved fatal.

ERYSIPELAS.

The 2 cases of Erysipelas notified were removed to Hill House Isolation Hospital, and made good recoveries.

PUERPERAL PYREXIA.

3 Cases of Puerperal Pyrexia were notified. All made good recoveries.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

1 Case of Ophthalmia Neonatorum was notified in 1937, and made a good recovery.

Analysis of Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the Year 1937.

Under the following age.

Diseases.	Number of Cases.													Total Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths.
	At all Ages	Age Periods.													
		Under 1 Year	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 and over		
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever	49	...	1	...	4	1	25	16	1	1	...	...	...	39	...
Diphtheria	25	...	...	..	3	3	9	5	3	2	...	.	...	24	1
Enteric Fever ... ... (including Paratyphoid)	...	...	.	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
Puerperal Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	3	...
Pneumonia	26	4	2	2	...	4	2	1	...	6	3	2	...	1	8
Erysipelas	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	.
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	1	...	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

TUBERCULOSIS.

25 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 9 other forms of Tuberculosis were notified in 1937. The total deaths registered from all forms of Tuberculosis numbered 19, and the ratio of non-notified Tuberculosis deaths to the total Tuberculosis deaths was as 6 is to 19. 3 cases of the un-notified deaths occurred outside the district amongst persons normally resident in the district—the other 3 escaped notification owing to the General Practitioner sending the case direct to the Tuberculosis Physician and each doctor thinking the other had notified.

There is no reason to believe that there is any wilful neglect to notify, and occupation in this district seems to have no influence on either case—incidence or mortality.

PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATION, 1935.

No action was taken under this Regulation during the year 1937, relating to Tubercular employees in the milk trade.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1935, SECTION 62.

No action was taken under this section during the year 1937.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality during 1937.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0—	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5—	1	2	4	3	...	...	...	1
15—	1	4	1	...	...	5	...	...
25—	4	3	...	1	4	2	...	...
35—	2	1	...	...	1	1	...	...
45—	3	...	...	...	4	...	...	...
55—	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
65 and upwards ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	15	10	5	4	10	8	...	1

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Laboratory Facilities.

Pathological and Bacteriological examinations are made at the County Public Health Laboratory, Cardiff, but emergency specimens are still being examined by Dr. Sladden, at the " Beck " Laboratory, Swansea. All Medical Practitioners within the District can have any samples examined free of cost, the cost being borne by your Council.

Ambulance Facilities.

(a) For Infectious Cases.

A Motor Ambulance is provided for the removal of Infectious Cases to the Isolation Hospital.

(b) For Non-Infectious, Accident Cases and Maternity Cases.

The various works in the district provide ambulance for the removal of these cases to Gorseinon or Swansea Hospital, according to which Hospital the patient is a subscriber. The service is quite adequate under normal conditions.

Nursing in the Home.

(a) General.

For ordinary sickness or accident, the services of the Queen Victoria Memorial Association Nurses are available in each Parish of the district. These Nurses are supported by the various works in the district.

(b) Infectious Diseases.

In case of sever epidemics such as Measles or Influenza, the Committees of the various Welfares in the district under the direction of the Health Visitors, are available for the home nursing.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

1.—There are five Infant Welfare Centres in the District :—

Gorseinon	....	Meeting on alternate Tuesdays.
Loughor	....	,, ,, ,, ,,
Pontardulais	....	,, ,, ,, Wednesdays.
Penllergaer	....	,, ,, ,, ,,
Gowerton	....	,, ,, ,, ,,

The attendance at the Clinics during 1937 are as follows :—

Gorseinon	....	No. on Register	....	223	Infants.
		Average Attendance	....	95.4	,,
Loughor	....	No. on Register	....	119	,,
		Average Attendance	....	53.7	,,
Pontardulais	....	No. on Register	....	201	,,
		Average Attendance	....	86.5	,,
Penllergaer	....	No. on Register	....	43	,,
		Average Attendance	....	22.6	,,
Gowerton	....	No. on Register	....	103	,,
		Average Attendance	....	47.6	,,

School Clinics.

The School Clinics in the district are held at Pontardulais and Gowerton Council Schools, and at The Institute, Lime Street, Gorseinon. The children are treated periodically by Education Authorities' Medical Officers.

Tuberculosis Clinics.

The treatment of Tuberculosis is in the care of the King Edward VII. Welsh National Memorial Association. There are two Dispensaries, one at 10, Grove Place, Swansea, and one at the Bryn, Pontardulais, which is open on Fridays only, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sanatorium accommodation for the district is provided at the various Sanatoria in Wales, there being no local Sanatoria.

Garngoch Isolation Hospital.

Prior to the closing of the Hospital, 39 cases of Scarlet Fever were admitted during the year, and since then 8 cases were nursed at home.

24 Diphtheria and 2 Erysipelas cases were admitted to Hill House Isolation Hospital, and as there were 2 cases of Diphtheria in Hospital on January 1st, 1937, the total number of patients treated at Hill House Hospital was 26.

Hospitals.

The Hospitals which are used by the inhabitants of the district are set out in the following table :—

Hospital.	Situation.	Purpose.	Beds.
Gorseinon General Hospital.	Gorseinon ...	General ...	Medical and Surgical (60 beds). Children (10 Cots). Maternity (12 Beds). Ear, Nose and Throat.
Swansea General and Eye Hospital.	Swansea ...	General ...	Medical & Surgical—Children, Maternity. Ear, Nose and Throat. Venereal Disease.
Isolation ...	Garngoch Common.	Isolation ...	Infectious Diseases.
	Pontardawe ...	Orthopaedic ...	
	Bridgend ...	Mental ...	
	Hensol Castle ...	Mental Deficiency.	

Midwifery and Maternity Services.

Most Maternity Cases are attended at home by Midwives—Local Practitioners being called in if required. Complicated cases and those with unsuitable home conditions are treated at Penrhiwtyn Hospital, Neath. The Council also provides free services of Midwives to necessitous cases. Infective cases are now being treated at the Swansea County Borough Fever Hospital, pending the erection of the new Isolation Hospital, Garngoch.

There were 12 trained and 1 un-trained Midwives practising in the district during the year 1937.

Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers, Illegitimate Infants and Homeless Children.

Provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants, and homeless children is provided for by the respective Public Assistance Authorities at Pontardawe and Penmaen.

Health Visitors.

There are two whole-time Health Visitors in the district who visit all births notified, and who make periodic re-visits.

During the year the Health Visitors paid :—

(1) To expectant mothers—First visits, 89; total visits, 152.

(2) To children under 1 year of age—First visits, 411; total visits, 1,590.

(3) To children between the ages of 1 and 5 years—Total visits, 3,502.

Infant Life Protection—Children and Young Persons Act, 1932.

Any cases coming under the Children and Young Persons Act, 1932, are reported by the Health Visitors.

Orthopaedic Treatment.

Orthopaedic cases are sent to the Glamorgan County Council Clinic at Pontardawe, which is the nearest for the district.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

General Water Schemes.

Last September, the Ministry of Health held a Local Inquiry on this Council's application for loan sanction for the sum of £12,925 in regard to new watermains for the general reorganisation of water distribution throughout the district to improve shortage of supplies in various high points in the area.

It is intended that the schemes be executed in portions over three years, those to be done this year include as follows :—

2,200 yards 9in. Cast Iron Concrete Lined Watermain from Pontlliw to Gorslas.

958.1/3rd 6in. Main from Gorslas to Fountain Inn. Pontardulais, for which work tenders have already been provisionally accepted.

Additionally, 160 yards 6in. Cast Iron Watermain Extension at Mount Street, Gowerton, estimated to cost £205. for which the consent of the Ministry has been received for execution by direct administration, and for these works loan sanction for the sum of £4,900 has already been applied for.

The further works to be executed are as under :—

	Estimate.
425 yards 6in. Cast Iron Main from Kingsbridge to Coedbrydwen	
1270 yards 6in. Cast Iron Main from Coedbrydwen to Rectory	£2,120
1250 yards 6in. Cast Iron Main from Grovesend to Frampton Road Junction, Gorseinon	£1,380

	Estimate.
1100 yards 6in. Cast Iron Main, Belgrave Road, Loughor	£1,275
395 yards 4in. Cast Iron Main, Cecil Road to Mount Pleasant, Gowerton	£300
1014 yards 4in. Linking Main, Cecil Road—Cefn-gorwydd to Dunvant	£765
450 Renewal of 3in. Main in Waun Road, Loughor	£280
1680 4in. Linking Main, Hospital Road, Gorseinon....	£1,125
240 Renewal 3in. Main, Morris Terrace, Llewitha....	£165

During the present financial year, by a special process the Council have had all the 4in. and 3in. Watermains at Gowerton scraped, cleaned and internally re-coated at a cost of approximately £750.

A short watermain extension is proposed at Gorseinon Garden Village, to link up the present watermain system.

Schools.

The Sanitary conditions and water supply of Schools in the district is quite satisfactory, except at Lower Loughor Schools, which is not connected to the Council Sewer, resulting in a nuisance in the adjoining field. The attention of the County Council has been drawn to the necessity of connecting the drainage to the sewer and converting the pail conveniences into water carriage.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA.

Closet Accommodation in the District.

Total Pail Conveniences converted to Water Closets during 1937	33
Total Pail Conveniences not converted and within 100 feet of Sewer	127
Total Pail Conveniences	1049
Total Water Closets to Sewers	5078
Total Water Closets to Cesspools	90
Total Water Closets to other outfalls	13

Inspections of Drain Connections.

Conversions	68
New Houses	127

Section 36—Public Health Acts, 1875.

Notices served to provide Water Closets	Nil
Water Closets provided	Nil
Houses connected to Council Sewers but Pail conveniences not converted to Water Closets	21

Public Cleansing—House Refuse and Night Soil Collection.

Practically the whole of the district receive the services of the Council's Contractors. Trade refuse not collected. Collections for 1937 :—

House Refuse	8,523 Tons.
Night Soil and Cesspools	593 Tons.

Tabular Statement by Mr. B. D. Owens, Sanitary Inspector, as to Proceedings under the Public Health and other Acts during 1937.

Nuisances.

Complaints received and Nuisances discovered	263
Informal Notices Served	202
Statutory Notices Served	14
Nuisances abated :—	
1. By Public	194
2. By Council	19
3. Complaints transferred to various departments	21
Prosecutions	Nil

Workshops and Factory Act, 1901.

Number on Register	48
Inspections	54
Notices Served	9
Notices Obeyed	9

Bakehouses.

Inspections	24
Notices Served—Limewashing and Painting overdue	6
Notices Obeyed	6

Tents, Vans, Sheds and Similar Structures.

Inspections	30
Tents, Vans, and Sheds inspected	34
Notices served to remedy breaches of Byelaws	4
Tents, Vans, and Sheds removed from Sites	34
Prosecutions	Nil

Common Lodging Houses.

Number on Register	1
Inspections	12
Notices served to remedy breaches of Byelaws	2
Notices Obeyed	2
Prosecutions	Nil

Restrictions of Burials.

Inspection of Restricted Burials	Nil

Houses Let in Lodgings.

Number Registered	Nil

Infectious Diseases.

Visits, Inquiry, etc.	78
Patients removed to Hospital	65
Houses or Premises, etc., disinfected	76
Bedding, etc., disinfected	0
Disinfection after Tuberculosis	4
Legal Proceedings for Wilful Exposure	Nil

Milk and Dairies Order, 1926.

Number of Producers, Retailers registered	124
Number of Inspections	295
Notices served to remedy breaches of Order	31
Notices Obeyed	27
Prosecutions	Nil

Milk Special Designations.

Licences issued by Council :—

Bottlers Licences T.T.	1
Supplementary Pasteurizing Licence	1
Supplementary T.T. (Retail in area)	2
Inspections	12
Notices	Nil

Bacteriological Examination of Milk.

Special Designations :—

Samples taken.	Result. Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
22	21	1

Non-Designated :—

18	8	10

Slaughterhouses and Offensive Trades.

Slaughterhouses Licensed	15
Slaughterhouses Registered	Nil
Knacker's Yards Licensed	Nil
Knacker's Yards Registered	Nil
Number of Offensive Trades	Nil
Inspections	316
Notices Served	11
Notices Obeyed	11
Prosecutions	Nil

Slaughter of Animal Acts.

Slaughtermen Registered	30

Notices were served on 5 occasions where the humane killer was not being used.

Prosecutions	Nil

Unsound Food.

Carcases Examined :—

Cattle, 346; Calves, 57; Sheep, 1,597; Pigs, 563—2,563.

Unsound Meat Condemned	1,977 lbs.
Other Foods	45 lbs.
Tinned and bottled goods	79 Tins, etc.
Legal Proceedings	Nil

Inspection of Premises where Food is Sold, Stored and Prepared.

Inspections	50
Notices served to remedy breaches	4
Notices Obeyed	4

Rats and Mice Destruction Acts.

Notices Served	6

Smoke Abatement Act, 1926.

Inspections	6
Notices Served Informal	Nil
Notices Served Statutory	Nil
Prosecutions	Nil

Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are no public or privately-owned swimming baths or pools in this district.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUG ACT, AND MILK AND CREAM REGULATIONS.

The duties of inspection under the above Acts are entrusted to the Officers of the County Police of, and above the rank of Sergeant.

Through the kindness of Superintendent Alfred Williams, I am able to give the following table shewing the return of Samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act, etc., in the Llwchwr Urban district during the year 1937.

Return of Samples taken within the Llwchwr Urban District Council Area, under the Food and Drugs Act—Year ended 31st December, 1937.

Description of Sample.	Where taken.					Total.
	Gowerton.	Pontardulais.	Gorseinon.	Penllergaer.	Grovesend.	
New Milk ...	25	21	11	4	...	61
Butter ...	1	3	...	...	1	5
Jam ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Tinned Peas ...	1	1	...	...	1	3
Tea ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Self Raising Flour	...	1	...	...	...	1
Tinned Milk ...	1	2	...	...	...	3
Corned Beef ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Picalli ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Sandwich, Cake ...	...	1	1	...	...	1
Tinned Tomatoes	...	...	1	...	...	1
Gooseberries (bottled) ...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Vinegar ...	1	...	1	...	1	3
Pepper ...	1	...	...	...	1	3
Trex ...	2	...	...	...	...	2
Sardines ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Peas (loose) ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Cake ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Sausage ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Sauce ...	1	1	...	...	...	2
Egg Substitute Powder ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Jelly ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Margarine ...	3	...	...	...	1	4
Coffee ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Marmalade ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Grape Fruit Crush ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Boiled Sweets ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Salmon ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Cocoa ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Cream ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Mince Meat ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Total ...	44	40	15	4	5	108

The Public Analyst certified 100 samples as genuine, two were deficient in milk fat, but no proceedings were taken, and the following shows the particulars in respect of the remaining 6 samples.

Date.	Court.	Offence.	Result.
7/4/37	Gowerton.	Sell milk 11% deficient in milk fat.	Dismissed.
4/5/37	do.	do. 9% do. do.	Fined £2 and 10/6 Analyst's fee.
do.	do.	do. 10% do. do.	Merged in above.
do.	do.	do. 9% do. do.	do.
do.	do.	do. 10% do. do.	do.
19/1/38	do.	do. 32% do. do.	Fined £2 and 10/6 Analyst's fee.

Particulars of Samples taken for Bacteriological Examination

No.	Name and Address of Person from whom Sample was taken.	No. of Cows.	Producer or Retailer.	Bacteriologist's Remarks.
1.	Henry S. Eaton, Killan Fach Farm, Dunvant ...	14	Producer	Tubercle bacilli absent.
2.	David Thomas, Killan Fawr Farm, Dunvant ...	18	do	do.
3.	D. W. Jones, Village Farm, Waunarlwydd ...	14	Retailer	Tubercle bacilli present.
4	Aubrey J. Jones, Penlan Farm, Dunvant	5	do.	Tubercle bacilli absent.
5.	D. W. Jones, Village Farm, Waunarlwydd ...	18	do.	do.
6	Evan Williams, Corner House Farm, Killay ...	Not known.	do.	do.
7.	Henry Williams, Llannant Farm, Penyrheol ...	6	Producer	do.
8.	Gwilym Stephens, Stoneyland Farm, Loughor ...	3	do.	Satisfactory.
9.	John Erasmus, Rhydynant, Pontlliw	4	Retailer	Tubercle bacilli absent.
10.	Luther J. Clement, Coedbrydwen Farm, Loughor ...	15	do.	do.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

Number of New Houses erected during the Year :—

(a) Total	108
(b) (1) By Council	24
(2) By Private Enterprise	84

1.—Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year :—

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	187
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above), which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	187
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	1
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	134

2.—Remedy of defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices :—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	10
After Legal Proceedings	0

3.—Action under Statutory Powers during the Year :—

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16, of the Housing Act, 1936 :—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	2

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—

(a) By Owners 2

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners 0

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 122

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—

(a) By Owners 100

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners 0

(c) Legal Proceedings 0

(c) Proceedings under section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 34

Undertakings obtained 4

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 33

Note—8 of above Demolition Orders served December 1936 for demolition in 1937, 1 of which was demolished December 1936.

(d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made 0

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit 0

Eradication of Bed Bugs—Private Houses.

All complaints are investigated. Insecticide given free upon application, together with loan of spray, and advice as to eradication.

Housing Act, 1930 and 1936—Slum Clearance.

During the year 24 houses of the first instalment of 32 houses were occupied. 8 of the 32 houses having been occupied in December, 1936.

28 Houses, the second instalment was commenced in October, 1937.

Fumigation by Hydrogen Cyanide is undertaken of tenants' effects before entry to Council Houses in cases where bed bugs are evident. This work is carried out by a Contractor. Houses entered into are visited to ascertain if fumigation is satisfactory.

4.—Housing Act, 1936.—Overcrowding.

Houses including houses occupied by separate families :—

Overcrowded at end of year	91
Families therein	91
Persons therein	586
New cases of overcrowding	13
Cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	70
Number of persons therein	390

The Council propose to erect 40 houses to relieve overcrowding and to review the position after erection. These houses will be erected on existing Council sites.

By the erection of these 40 houses many families now overcrowded by sub-tenants being in possession of parts of houses will be uncrowded by the removal of sub-tenants.

No appreciable effect has been evident upon cases of overcrowding during the year by the erection of houses by private enterprise.

Rent Restriction Mortgage Amendment Acts, 1933.

Applications for Certificates	6
Certificates granted	6
Certificates refused	Nil

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ROBERT J. SMITH.

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July, 1938.

APPENDIX.

1.—General Statistics.

Area of District--17,815 acres.

Registrar-General's estimate of resident population, mid-1937: 25,860.

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1937) according to Rate Books : 6,305.

Rateable Value of District, £94,790.

Sum represented by a penny rate, £352.

2.—Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year.

	Total.	M.	F.	
Live Births :—				
Legitimate	370	191	179	Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population—14.5.
Illegitimate	5	4	1	
Still Births :—				
Legitimate	24	14	10	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births 64.0.
Illegitimate	2	2	—	
Deaths	301	163	138	Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population—11.6.

	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (live & still) births.
Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis	Nil	Nil
Deaths from other Puerperal Causes	Nil	Nil
Total	Nil	Nil

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All Infants per 1,000 live births—69.

Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births—70.27.

Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births—Nil.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)—31.

Deaths from Measles (all ages)—3.

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)—1.

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)—Nil.